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**SUFFOLK WATER CONTAMINATION - Newsday's Joie Tyrrell:** "Work began Friday to connect Westhampton Beach homes near Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base that have contaminated wells to the municipal water system, with all costs covered by the state and federal governments, state officials announced. Fifty-seven homes with wells threatened by contamination with the chemical PFOS, or perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, will be joined to the municipal system, the state Department of Environmental Conservation said. The U.S. Department of Defense, under a separate agreement, will cover the costs of connecting nine additional homes with well contamination that meets or exceeds federal Environmental Protection Agency health advisory levels for PFOS. The chemical can potentially cause blood, immune system, thyroid and fetal growth issues." <http://nwsdy.li/2fsjpJU>

**LONG ISLAND DUMPING SITE FIGHT - POLITICO New York's Marie J. French:** The federal government has shifted a planned dumping site for dredged material out of New York's waters. The Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a plan to establish a third permanent site to dump dredged materials in the Long Island Sound. The initial proposal drew opposition from Gov. Andrew Cuomo and environmental advocacy groups concerned about impacts on the fragile ecosystem of the estuary. Cuomo sent a letter objecting to the EPA's plans in October under the state's coastal zone management policy, triggering a requirement for additional talks between the state Department of State and the federal agency. The EPA on Thursday announced the new dredging site would be located east of an existing disposal site near New London, entirely in Connecticut's waters.

**--New York plans to continue the fight:** "While the EPA's proposed disposal site has been moved out of New York waters, the modifications to the site do not change our fundamental objections to it's location. The dumping of dredged materials in the Eastern Long Island Sound will have foreseeable effects on New York State's coastal resources and uses and falls under the New York Department of State's jurisdiction. We are currently reviewing the EPA's decision and determining the appropriate next steps, including initiating appropriate legal action," Linda Baldwin, the general counsel of Cuomo's Department of State, said in a statement late Friday.

**DEMOCRATS TIE ALLEGED HOOSICK POLLUTER TO O'MARA - POLITICO New York's Marie J. French:** "Republican state Sen. Tom O'Mara's Democratic opponent in Tuesday's election is attacking the relationship between the law firm the senator works for and a

company potentially responsible for the water contamination in Hoosick Falls.  
<http://politico.pro/2fkrLAC>

**PSEG: DEMAND ON L.I. TO DECLINE - Newsday's Mark Harrington:** "Energy use on Long Island is projected to continue to decline over the next five years as ratepayers continue to produce their own power and further embrace methods and appliances that cut power use."  
<http://nwsdy.li/2fvFfbG>

## **AROUND NEW YORK:**

**--ICYMI: Some additional** Alliance for Clean Energy conference coverage in Albany on Thursday. NYISO chief Brad Jones on how the grid could support renewable resources: <http://bit.ly/2fjDIGI>. And the governor's energy czar Richard Kaufman on the importance of subsidizing nuclear: <http://bit.ly/2fjAHGI>.

**--Growing concern on water** contamination from de-icing of roads in Chautauqua County.  
<http://bit.ly/2fsqslQ>

**--An influential shareholder** proxy service is on board with the Tesla-SolarCity merger that has big implications for the taxpayer-funded solar panel factory in Buffalo.  
<http://on.wsj.com/2fslAwS>

**--Column: A tale of two wind farms.** Watertown Daily Times' Perry White says wind farm siting need to give more weight to local opinions. <http://bit.ly/2fsymLK>

**--More than 10 percent** of employees at Fitzpatrick nuclear plant left between November 2015, when the plant's closure was announced, and August 2016, when a deal was struck to sell it to Exelon and subsidize its operation. <http://bit.ly/2feVeeL>

**--Opponents of a pipeline** now operating near the Indian Point nuclear plant want additional review of the use of existing pipes under the Hudson River instead of a new, larger pipe that was planned. <http://bit.ly/2feUfLI>

**--Support for nuclear energy** and the Fitzpatrick plant came up in the NY-24 race between Republican John Katko and Democrat Colleen Deacon. <http://bit.ly/2feWK0z>

**--Indian Point's federal** relicensing process got an extension after New York and Riverkeeper complained about disclosures on bolt safety issues. <http://bit.ly/2feVLgN>

**GOOD MONDAY MORNING:** Happy last day before elections! We hope you're all set to go vote, but here's the official New York site to check your polling place, just in case: <http://bit.ly/2fs7Ylj>. Let us know anytime if you have tips, story ideas or life advice. We're always here at [dgiambusso@politico.com](mailto:dgiambusso@politico.com) and [mfrench@politico.com](mailto:mfrench@politico.com). And if you like this letter, please tell a friend and/or loved one. Here's a handy sign-up link: <http://politi.co/1TZmBpl>

**LOW PROFITS DRIVE NEW YORK NUKE LAWSUIT - The Wall Street Journal's**

**Cassandra Sweet:** "Low electricity prices are sapping the profits of power-plant operators. Companies that sell electricity to utilities, such as Dynegy Corp., Calpine Corp and NRG Energy Inc., reported slim profits or losses in the third quarter, as they contend with wholesale power prices that have fallen in recent years along with the price of natural gas." <http://on.wsj.com/2fsuLNJ>

**VW FACING NEW EMISSIONS ALLEGATIONS OVER AUDI - The Wall Street Journal's William Boston:** "Volkswagen AG's efforts to resolve its emissions-cheating scandal faced a potential setback Sunday with a fresh allegation that California authorities discovered cheating software on popular Audi models, while the company said a German criminal investigation has widened to include its chairman." <http://on.wsj.com/2eD9EXP>

**COLONIAL LINE 1 UP AFTER EXPLOSION - Reuters:** "Colonial Pipeline said Line 1 began shipping gasoline between Houston and Linden, New Jersey, on Sunday morning for the first time since a deadly Oct. 31 explosion and fire near Helena, Alabama." <http://bit.ly/2eDaWC6>

**FLOOD OF HOG ... WASH - NPR's Dan Charles:** "Are the many hog and poultry farms of eastern North Carolina creating 'fields of filth,' as two groups of environmental activists put it last summer? And if they are, what happens when a hurricane comes along and dumps a foot and a half of water on them? The two groups, Environmental Working Group and Waterkeeper Alliance, just issued a partial answer. It's a report filled with overhead photos taken in early October, in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. They show flooded poultry barns and 'lagoons' filled with swine manure, spilling animal waste into nearby waterways." <http://n.pr/2fswymf>

**COURT LETS FLORIDA SOLAR BALLOT STAND - POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** The Florida Supreme Court on Friday dismissed requests by opponents of solar Amendment 1 to review the ballot measure for fraud and misconduct. Amendment 1 would maintain government regulation of solar energy while prohibiting subsidies for those who use solar. <http://politi.co/2eD9OhX>

**CLIMATE PIONEER RALPH CICERONE, 73, DIES:** "Ralph Cicerone, a celebrated scientist and a driving force in the effort to put climate change on the global agenda, died Saturday at the age of 73." <http://n.pr/2fsp6HA>

**ELECTION LOOMS OVER UN CLIMATE TALKS - The AP's Karl Ritter:** "U.N. climate talks open [today] against the backdrop of a U.S. election that could have a major impact on America's role in the global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." <http://wapo.st/2eDe15n>

**STRANDED NUKE PLANT WASTE - Bloomberg's Catherine Traywick and Mark Chediak:** "Midway between San Diego and Los Angeles, the San Onofre Nuclear Plant waits to be dismantled. After more than 40 years of protests, lawsuits and safety scares, its two concrete-encased reactors, jutting from the pristine California coastline, are powered down and its massive steam turbines, once deafening, are quiet." <http://bloom.bg/2fyveHS>

**IRAN COURTING RENEWABLE INVESTMENT - Bloomberg's Ladane Nasser:** "Iran is working on regulations to attract investment in renewable energy, according to Elham Aminzadeh, adviser to President Hassan Rouhani, as the nation considers solar, wind and hydro power as ways to diversify from regular crude-based fuel." <http://bloom.bg/2fvIlws>

**FUTURES:**

**--Oil dropped Friday** on continued skepticism over an OPEC deal, The Wall Street Journal reports. <http://on.wsj.com/2eD99x5>

**--Natural gas fell on Friday** but not as much as it had been recently, The Journal reports. <http://on.wsj.com/2eDdzEI>

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